

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, various of the claims have been amended to improve form and without change of substance and, accordingly, it is submitted to be clear that no new matter or new issues are presented.

The amendments could not have been presented earlier since the need for same was only recognized in reviewing the allowed claims after receipt of the first Office Action Notice of Allowance herein. Accordingly, the amendments could not have been earlier presented.

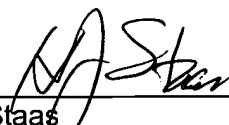
Accordingly, entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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